

MANSFIELD IN NORFOLK

Society's Edict Went Forth
That All Should Attend.

THE EVENT OF THE WEEK

A Post-nuptial Reception Was Tendered by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Pincus to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Wachtel On Wednesday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, March 14.—Society took a night off this week for the expensive diversion of Mansfield. It was one of the edicts of the social community that everybody should go to the Mansfield performance. Many of the members of society hate Mansfield, some of them don't affect Shakespeare; very few of the bolder members care for Julius Caesar, much less for Brutus, who was too noble for life on the stage. But the edict had gone forth that society was expected, and consequently, society was there on the night when Mansfield played Julius Caesar here.

The reasons that society took that night off from the duty of observing Lent may be various, but they were sufficient. Acidulous old maids and crusty bachelors have united to sneer at the reasons for the large number of society people who attended the Mansfield show. One says that the expense of the entrance fees attracted many of the men who thought that their best girls would know the sincerity of their protestations of admiration if they provided tickets for the most expensive show of the season. Another that some of the girls were tempted to wear the gowns they had prepared for after Easter occasions and could not resist the temptation.

However, that may be, the edict went out that all society folk should appear at the theatre when the curtain raised for Mansfield, and all society folk were there. That possibly is the reason the members of society did not do anything else this week. The expense and the diversion of Mansfield was enough. Society let it go at that and was satisfied, especially as it is Lent, and society is not under obligations to do anything.

Some of the events of the week were as follows:

A post-nuptial reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Pincus at their residence, on Holt Street, Wednesday afternoon after the marriage of their daughter, Lottie, to Mr. Phillip Wachtel, of Macon, Ga. The parlors and dining room were decorated with palms, ferns and potted plants and pink carnations. The chandeliers were prettily decorated with smilax and pink shades. In the dining-room the table was dressed with candles, palms and carnations, and the smilax was festooned from the corners of the table to the chandelier and from there to the walls of the room. About three hundred guests were present and they were served at a buffet luncheon. A very impressive scene followed the ceremony in the blessing of the young couple by the bride's venerable grandfather, Mr. Friedman, who is eighty-five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wachtel left here for New York by the Old Dominion steamer and will be at home to their friends at the Hotel Netherlands after Sunday. They received about five hundred presents.

A supper was given in honor of Miss Minnie Boykin, of Smithfield, by Dr. John F. Woodward, at the country club. The decorations were red, American bantons forming the centerpiece. Covers were laid for twelve. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melville, Jr., Miss Boykin, Mrs. George Day, of New York; Miss Jane Sorell, Miss Margaret Reed, of Portsmouth; Miss Lulu Reid, Mr. James Hollowell, Mr. C. W. Sams, Mr. William J. Stanworth and Mr. William A. Rose.

A luncheon was given, Monday morning, at the country club by Mrs. Edwin G. Lee, Mrs. Blidleeon, and Miss Mary Nash. A prize was offered to the one who should guess nearest the time it would take to burn a candle to a certain point. Mrs. H. C. Hoggard proved to be the best guesser and received a Japanese bowl. Their guests were Mrs. Norman Bell, Mrs. James Bell, Mrs. E. C. Hoggard, Mrs. W. W. Old and Mrs. McAlpine.

The towel tea, which was given at the residence of Mrs. B. M. Henry, on Bute Street, Monday afternoon for the benefit of the new Norfolk Protestant Hospital, was a great success. The house was prettily decorated with palms, lamps and violets. Mrs. Henry received the guests, while Mrs. James Bell, Mrs. Norman Bell, Mrs. Charles H. Wood, Mrs. Harry Myers, Miss Alice Kelly, Miss Nell Sorell, Miss George Day, of New York, and Miss Abby Wilson served the guests. Mrs. E. B. Hodges presided over the tea table. A large sum of money was realized for



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this worthy charity, besides a great deal of linen and many towels.

A delightful evening was spent by a number of Norfolk people Saturday at Old Point. The navy yard tug went down among the present were: Captain Milligan, Miss Nonie Reed, of Roanoke; Miss Murray, of Annapolis; Misses Florence and Molly Milligan, Miss Person, Miss Elizabeth Winn, Miss Edith Tunis, Miss Cornelia Truxton, Mr. Trench Tikhman, Mr. George Mac, Goodridge, Mr. Robert B. Pegram and Mr. George Batte.

Two box parties were given at the Academy Tuesday to witness the performance of Mr. Richard Mansfield and his company in "Julius Caesar." One party was composed of Miss Nellie Little, Miss Nell Sorell, Miss Margaret Wilson, Colonel James Mann, Major Heth Tyler and Col. W. W. Selo. After the show they went to the Monticello for supper.

In the other box were Mr. and Mrs. George C. Billups, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Billups and Mrs. Hugh Francis Malloy, of New York.

Miss Carolyn Cohn entertained friends Tuesday evening. The occasion was a box party given at the Grand Theatre. After the performance Miss Cohn's guests were invited to her home in Botetourt Street, where supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bell, Jr., Miss Mary Duncan, Mr. Carson Dobie, Mr. Llewellyn Hutton, Mr. Lyeurgus Smith and Mr. Robert Hunter.

SOME PERSONALS.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owen, of Durham, N. C., are visiting friends in town. Miss Kate Cannon has returned from visiting friends in Atlanta.

Miss Bessie Grandy left Saturday for New York. Later she will visit friends in Milwaukee.

Rev. Joseph Dunn, of Suffolk, spent Sunday as the guest of his sister, Mrs. Kirkland Ruffin, in York Street.

Judge and Mrs. Thomas H. Wilcox left Saturday for Hot Springs.

Mrs. Schriver and Miss Eunice Pegram, of Richmond, are the guests of their aunt, the Misses Blackwell, in Bute Street.

Mr. A. Carson Dobie, formerly of Norfolk, now of North Carolina, is visiting his parents in Bute Street.

Mrs. R. W. Whitehurst has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Gary, in Newport News.

Miss Janie Gresham, of Newport News, is the guest of Miss Kensett, in Botetourt visiting Miss Eugenia Bain, in Duke Street.

Mrs. Lewis, of West Virginia, is the guest of Mrs. J. Carey Weston, in Freeman Street.

Miss Gertrude Lee Unduch, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. A. Rowland Nash, in Ghent.

Miss Minnie Boykin, of Smithfield, is

the guest of Miss Jeffries in Bute Street. Miss Bertha Bow, of Columbia, Pa., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Cotton, in Arlington Place.

Miss Ethel Schmeiz, of Hampton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Cotton, in Arlington Place.

Mrs. F. L. Sandoz has returned from a visit to Mrs. Fred. Beacham, at Virginia Beach.

Miss Louise Sheldon left Wednesday afternoon for Baltimore.

Mrs. Wiley Baxter, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Miles Seldon, in Yarmouth Street, has returned to Elizabeth City.

Miss Letterman, of Charlottesville, is the guest of Mrs. Lowenberg, in Ghent.

Colonel C. A. Nash is visiting his daughter, Mrs. P. P. Stras, in Roanoke.

Miss Lottie Blow has opened her cottage at Virginia Beach and is entertaining a number of her friends. Among them are Mrs. Allan M. Cooke, Miss Lizzie Freeman and Mr. Thomas Blow, of Gloucester.

OTHER PERSONALS.
Miss Nonie Reed, of Roanoke, who has been the guest of the Misses Milligan, in the navy-yard, left Wednesday to visit friends in Richmond.

Mr. John S. Fluke, Jr., has returned to New York, after spending a few days with Mrs. George W. Gordon, in Bermuda Street.

Miss Josephine Cooke has returned from a trip to Florida.

Miss Bessie Jones, who has been the guest of Mrs. Simmons, has returned to Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mrs. H. L. Elkins left Monday for her home, in Philadelphia, after being the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hardy, in Bush Street.

Miss Rosa McBea, who has been visiting Miss Burgess, in Montgomery, Ala., has returned home.

Miss Rice, of Rock Island, is the guest of Mrs. B. Lillfeldt, in Holt Street.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles P. Drees and Mrs. Turner P. Gray, who have been in New York for several days, have returned home.

Mrs. Washington Bowles, Jr., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. W. Pannell, in York Street, has returned to Baltimore.

Miss Mary Jane Brainer is the guest of Miss Hart, in Brown Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruthenoff, of New York, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Taylor, in Boush Street.

Miss Sara Galther has returned to Bolhaven, N. C., after being the guest of Mrs. B. B. Freeman, in York Street.

Mr. M. Goldman is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Levy.

Mrs. Anton Mithedo has returned from a trip to Washington.

Mr. H. C. Riddleberger has returned from Washington.

Only a Woman Could.
"Ah, Mrs. Scendslegh," he said, "you are indeed an enchantress."

"You flatterer!" she replied. "Why do you say that?"

"See the Count de Montesque over there. The women are crazy over him. You have made a social lion out of an ass."—Chicago Record-Herald.

DURING THE LENT SEASON

Some Entertaining and Visiting In Fredericksburg Society

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

Capt. and Mrs. W. F. Coates Receive Very Handsomely. Enjoyable Programme of Music and Recitations at the Baptist Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 14.—Notwithstanding it is in the midst of the Lenten season there has been considerable entertaining and visiting here. Captain and Mrs. W. F. Coates celebrated a few evenings ago the first anniversary of their marriage. The rooms of their pretty home were beautifully decorated with pink and white flowers and many of their friends called to tender their congratulations. Besides the host and hostess, the reception committee included Mrs. Ralph Thayer, of Washington, Mrs. Benjamin Draucker, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Shepherd, and Mrs. John P. Scott, Mrs. S. G. Wallace, Mrs. Asa Pope and Miss Jennie Hurkamp presided at the fruit punch bowl, while other ladies assisted in serving dainty refreshments. During the evening Miss Alice Gammon and Mr. Thomas W. Hooper sang several beautiful numbers. Each guest was presented with a souvenir of the occasion.

A delightful programme of music and recitations was rendered at the Baptist church Tuesday night under the auspices of a circle of the Ladies Missionary Society. Choice vocal music was rendered by Misses Alice Gammon, Nellie Kirtley, Carrie Belle Quinn, Mattie Quinn, Mrs. C. A. Jones, Mrs. Charles Keopon and Messrs. S. J. Quinn, Charlie Quinn, S. B. Quinn, Mr. Peter B. Nosselt delighted the audience with his whistling of the "mocking bird," and instrumental pieces on the violin by Miss Mamie Meyer and Professor A. B. Gowerling were heartily enjoyed. Miss Mamie Beale and Mrs. Mary Quinn Hicks the accompanists. Mrs. Arthur Jones and Miss Lena Rowe with their humorous readings and recitations gave a pleasing variety to the programme. The audience was a large and appreciative one. No admission fee was charged but a free will offering was taken for the cause of missions.

The Misses Pollock, of Bowling Green, entertained their friends a few evenings ago, with a conversation party. Several subjects were selected and each guest was allowed three minutes on each subject. Miss Alice Gammon presided and awarded the first lady's prize as the best conversationalist and Mrs. L. Bates secured the gentlemen's prize.

The young pupils of Professor Franklin and Miss Palmer, of the music department of Fredericksburg College gave a recital Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The young people showed decided talent and excellent grammar the careful training of their teachers.

On Friday a large gathering attended a silver tea given by Miss Willie Schooler, of the missionary circle at the home of Mrs. V. M. Fleming, on Hanover Street, from 5 to 8 P. M., and the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Seay, of Spotsylvania county, celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of their marriage a few nights ago, which was attended by their friends of the neighborhood, which included many young people, who greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Miss May Wallace, of Stafford county, has gone to Richmond to visit her father, Senator C. M. Wallace, and will spend some time with relatives there.

Miss Mary Skeen, of Covington, Va., who has been visiting Miss Lena Rowe at Potomac, has returned to her home.

Mrs. T. E. Morris has returned from a visit to friends in Washington.

Mrs. Julian Wall, of Washington, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. G. Wallace and family here and of Judge R. H. L. Chichester and family, of Stafford, has returned home.

PERSONALS.
Miss Virginia Richmond has returned home from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Richmond.

Mr. George Purvis, of "Little Whim," Stafford county, near this city, is on a visit to his old home at Crookston, Minnesota.

Mrs. J. E. Poindexter, of Lapland, Md., is visiting her mother here, Mrs. Bettie G. Wallace.

Miss Susie M. Bradley spent this week with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. A. F. Dickson has returned from a visit to his mother in Dinwiddie county.

Mr. W. W. Mountjoy, who has been visiting relatives in King George county, has returned to his home in New York. Mrs. Mountjoy went farther south to Key West, Florida, where she will spend several weeks with her father, Dr. J. Y. Porter.

Mrs. L. T. Kearsley and Miss Alice Gower, both of this city, who spent the winter at Irvington, on the lower Rappahannock, are now sojourning in Washington.

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Grand Opening of New Spring Merchandise—The Newest Materials, Colors and Patterns in Dress Goods, Waistings, Suitings and Waists—Our Assortment is Larger Than Ever. Special Sale of Mattings.

Dress Goods.

Light Oxford Suitings, newest and noblest dress material, 20c. a yard, worth 25c. a yard.
Vello, in Tan, Light Blue, Navy, Gray and all new shades, 30c. worth 35c. a yard.
Elinettes, in all newest shades, 25c. to \$1.00 a yard.
Mistral, in White, Blue, Gray and Tan, 30c. a yard, worth 50c.
New Mercerized Gingham, in stripes and plaids, 20c. a yard, worth 25c. a yard.

Solid Color and Fancy Gingham, special, 15c. a yard.
Satin, extra wide, all the rage, special at 12-1-2c. a yard.
Satin Stripes and Polka-Dot Silk, 35c. a yard, worth 50c.
Mercerized Elinettes, for waists and suits, 40c. a yard, worth 60c.

Silks.

Beautiful Wash Silks, in stripes and plaids, 28-1-2c. a yard, worth 50c.
The Newest Check Taffeta Silks, in all shades, 75c. a yard for \$1.25 value.
All the New Shades of Silk Mulls, 25c. for the 40c. grade.
Japanese Silk, water-proof, spot-proof, perspiration-proof, Tan, Black, 25c. for the 40c. grade.

ON WHICH YOU WILL SAVE MONEY. MANY MORE ITEMS TO BE HAD AT VERY LOW PRICES. ANDROSGOGGIN AND BARKER BLEACHED, 7-1-2c.
Fruit of the Looms, not remnants, 6-7-8c.
Remnants of Bleached Pride of West Wamutta, New York Mills, 7-1-2c.

Sale of New Mattings.

300 ROLLS JUST ARRIVED FROM AUCTION. NONE DAMAGED, EXCEPT IN PRICE. AND THIS IS A BIG SALE IN HALF.
New Patterns in Chinese Mattings, stripes and checks, 10c. worth 12-2-2c.
12-1-2c. for China or Cotton-Warp Mattings, new colors, worth 20c.
10-2-2c. for Japanese Mattings, extra heavy, 25 and 35c. values.
25c. for Extra Fine Japanese Mattings, 40 to 60c. quality.
Many Short Lengths at one-third their value.

Cottons.

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Remnants of Bleached Pride of West Wamutta, New York Mills, 7-1-2c.

Langdon, G. B., for 7-8-8c., worth 12-1-2c. Only a limited quantity of the above.
Unbleached 40-inch-wide Fine Brown at 4-1-2c., worth 7c.
4-4 Sea Island Fine Brown Unbleached Cotton, 4-7-8c.
Pillow and Sheetings Cottons, special prices.

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Oxford Gray, Black and Blue Silk-Band Trimmed Skirts, \$2.40, worth \$4.00.
Blue and Black 6-gored, inverted flared, each seam bound with silk, \$3.95, worth \$6.00.
Elinette Skirts, in Black, handsomely trimmed in lace, \$5.49 and \$7.49, worth \$10.00 and \$12.00.
Silk Skirts from \$9.50 to \$25.00.

THE MODERN BOX PARTY

Other Forms of Entertainment Forced to Take a Back Seat.

IT ENJOYS A MONOPOLY

The "Box Party" Described and Fully Set Forth as a Worthy Aspirant to Popular Favor—Each Gentleman Attending Is to Bring a Box.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMOMON, VA., March 14.—The modern "box party" has become so immensely popular among the young folks in the rural districts that various other kinds of entertainments and "pass-times" at private residences have been assigned to a back seat, soon to be numbered among the things of the past. Dancing parties, card parties, valentine parties and the like, which have been in vogue for many generations, have been in evidence but little this season, while their successor—the "box party"—has enjoyed a sweeping monopoly.

A number of young people gather at the home of some friend who is not adverse to innocent fun and frolic, and while away the first half of the night by carrying out and informal programme of vocal and instrumental music, "plays," games, practical jokes, &c., the amusements being snugly sandwiched with a sumptuous supper and an abundance of confectionery, and, before dispersing, the participants agree upon another night as the time, and some other residence as the place, of the next "box party," which must "take place" in less than a week from that time.

It is always understood that each gentleman attending these parties must carry a neat box containing confectionery of the best quality, and that the owners of the house where the parties are to be held must know nothing of the "coming event" until the young folks begin to meet at the time appointed, so that the entertainment will be a "surprise." But, somehow, the secret leaks out, and, as a rule, a big supper awaits the participants.

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for fixing nearly all manner of plant-beds and unless the weather is so stormy as to preclude the possibility of strong men working out of doors, more vegetable seed will be committed to the ground on that day than on any other dozen days put together.

Mr. J. N. Owens, of this county, had the misfortune, several days ago, to lose by death a very valuable horse. It is said that the death of the animal was due to the breaking of a blood-vessel.

Judge Chichester, of the County Court of King George, has appointed Mr. Frank Taylor as an additional justice of the peace for Potomac District, the district being a very long one, and the upper end of it having long been without such an officer.

Mrs. Temple Stephens, of this neighborhood, has gone to Washington, D. C., for medical treatment in a hospital.

Mr. John S. Shelton, a merchant residing near Fletcher's Chapel, in the upper part of this county, has been very ill for several days past.

Mr. Florence Shelton, of Stafford county, has been a guest of friends near here for a week past.

Mr. Wilkins Taylor near here is killing a good many wild geese in a marsh on the Rappahannock river.

A steam saw mill is being set in a body of woods on the old "row's Nest" place, near the lower end of the stafford, for the purpose of preparing the timber there for shipment to Europe. It is said. Crow's Nest is said to be the best timbered estate in this section of Virginia, the owners having hitherto very wisely refused to allow the woods to be picked and mutilated by timber buyers.

Mrs. James L. Payne and daughters, who have been residing in Washington City for some years, have moved to their country home at Edge Hill, in this county for the winter.

Rev. John R. Thomas, who was last Monday called to Charles county, Md., by the illness of his daughter, has returned to his home at Colonial Beach.

LOCAL OPTION ELECTION.